

**Town of Huntington — Lower Village Bike/Ped Public Input Meeting
Lower Village Bicycle/Pedestrian Scoping Study**

Wednesday, May 13, 2015—6:30 pm

Union Meeting House / Library – Lower Village

APPROVED MINUTES

Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose: Provide updated consultant information on possible alternatives & solicit local input related to bicycle, pedestrian and vehicular transportation as part of the VTrans Lower Village Scoping Study grant • Review timeline, background, goals, concerns • Solicit input from residents on alternatives related to intersection, parking, sidewalks, traffic calming
Attendees:	Dori Barton, Jeanine Carr, Knox Cummin, Barbara Elliott (Town Administrator), Jeff Fergerson, Paul Finnerty, Lucy Gibson (Presenter; Dubois & King), Nancy Grover, Andrew Hendrickson, Peter Keating (CCRPC), Duncan Keir, Megs Keir, Helen Keith, Morris Knight, Brett Lindemuth, Roman Livak, Bill Rogers, Julie Rogers, Terry Ryan, Nancy Stoddard, Aaron Worthley, Dave Worthley, Debbie Worthley
Call to Order	Barton called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and introduced Lucy Gibson (consultant from Dubois & King). Gibson facilitated the meeting.
Introduction – Lucy Gibson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gibson discovered that what we call Bridge Street from Main to the bridge is called Brooklyn Street on some official map. She'll look into this further. We have the same name, Bridge Street, for the connector that runs from Bridge Street to East Street (where the school buses transfer kids). • Big issues raised so far included: Speed; Safety – parking at the store, intersections; Pedestrian safety; Bridge Street dust & speed; East Street access • Gibson presented slides and maps with various alternatives for parking, sidewalks, street narrowing, entrance ways to the village area and the intersection by Jacques. • Dots were provided for residents to indicate on the maps what alternatives they like & don't like – and people also made notations directly on the maps with their ideas and concerns.
Discussion Points	<p>A sampling of feedback/comments include the following:</p> <p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Truck delivery traffic at the store is problematic • Aesthetics – trees & boulders instead of Jersey barriers • Need to pilot test alternatives – need cost for testing alternatives in addition to costs for permanent solutions • Focus on some short-term solutions • Look at how we can phase in solutions over time • What can be done in the next 6-9 months for pilot tests • How can we be cost effective and transition to permanent solutions over time • Solutions need to be in sync with the Town Plan and the Capital Plan • If the Town doesn't have \$ for pilot projects, could we raise funds locally?

	<p>Speed & Traffic Volume</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All the problems are exacerbated by speed, so that should be the #1 priority • Seems traffic has slowed down over the years – 10-15 years ago people went a lot faster. • Traffic speed is worse now than it used to be • Traffic volumes have increased especially at peak hours • Fog lines (line striping) helped reduce the speed • Add more fog lines; paint more frequently, make the lanes more narrow • Need traffic enforcement in the Lower Village (police parked at Raven Ridge, Bridge Street, Post Office Main Road entrance) and for the police to be giving tickets not just warnings • Use radar cameras that take pictures of license plates and then bill speeders • Town plow trucks drive too fast (Gibson noted that sometimes plow drivers like to go fast to get the snow pushed further off the road) • Use speed bumps and/or speed tables • Charlotte uses temporary speed bumps down by the beach that they take up in the winter <p>Signage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have stop signs at Jacques Store • Speed signs don't seem to have had an impact • Use radar speed feedback signs • Have more speed signs • Why are there so many speed signs from the Town Line Pond Road/Bridge Street (5) and so few on Main Road? • Add yellow diamond speed warning • Use signage to 'promote' parking at existing lots <p>Parking / Sidewalks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is public parking behind the UMH and we should promote that • Encourage more walking: get people to walk from the available parking lots • On street parking is a problem with doors opening into oncoming traffic • Concern expressed about having parking on the west side (UMH side) of the street: doors opening into oncoming traffic; impact on people's lawns • Would like to have parking on west side (UMH side) of the street • Concern with having parking in current Beaudry's lot: people backing up into the road; blocking the gas pumps • Backing up out of Beaudry's lot is not a problem • Have sidewalks on the UMH side but no parking • Concern about sidewalk curbs and the difficulty with plowing any kind of sidewalk • Sidewalks (along with speed) are the #1 priority • Could have winter parking bans to help with snow plowing – although winter is more than half the year • How many parking spaces are needed? • Have bike/pedestrian lanes not parking spaces at the side of the road (use the lots for parking) <p>East Street/Main Road Intersection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need a way to fix this so it feels safe
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	<p>Bridge Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dust control got better on Bridge Street with the new top layer but it seems to be degrading with the frequent grading. Need cost analysis for paving every 5 years vs redoing the top layer annually
Next Steps	In addition to the comments captured above, Gibson will take input from the maps and incorporate them into the next set of recommendations. The focus will be on recommendations for what can be piloted in the 'short term' as well as permanent solutions. These recommendations will include cost estimates. One additional meeting with the Selectboard and Steering Committee will be held and then the final report will be presented to the Selectboard. Keating will investigate grant possibilities to help with project solutions.
Adjournment	Meeting wrapped up at 8:45pm
	<p>05/13/15 – Meeting date 05/14/15 – Draft/unapproved minutes posted on the website 05/18/14 – Final/approved minutes approved 05/22/14 – Approved minutes sent to Town Clerk for recording & website posting</p>